EIMS News
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Page Not Found
It has been reported that some divisions were experiencing *Page Not Found* errors when they ran certain EIMS reports using the Internet Explorer (IE) web browser. In most cases, the problem was corrected when the division updated IE with the following patches:
1. MS06-001
2. MS06-002
3. MS06-003

Here is the Microsoft URL for more information on those patches:
http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/Bulletin/MS06-jan.mspx.

February 17th Major EIMS Release 5.0
There are a large number of subtle and not so subtle changes in the file management area of EIMS. There will be WebEx training for all who need it. Please note that we will be introducing *Student Search* and *Student Add* capability in EIMS, which will aid schools to obtain State Testing Identifiers for individuals more quickly like during testing. The current file upload method should still be used to obtain STIs normally. The people who will use this new functionality will need an account on EIMS, if you choose to give them this capability.

Pre-Id Reminder
DDOTs will be looking to send a pre-Id file to the testing vendor for labels. STIs are required for all students taking an assessment, so please submit any records without an STI to EIMS to obtain the number in anticipation of this need and requirement.

Birds-of-a-Feather
We plan on conducting a Birds-of-a-Feather session on March 8th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The agenda has not been set, so if you have something you would like us to discuss please send me your ideas. I will send more news about the agenda later. In the meantime pencil the date in your calendar and note that Henrico County will be our gracious host. The exact location is:
New Bridge School
5915 Nine Mile Road Richmond, VA 23223
We will meet in the Auditorium. There is parking on the school side in the rear and across the street.

WWW.VIRGINIA.EIMS
This is URL to get into EIMS. Some folks are still using the *reporting-solutions.com* URL and are not getting in. Please spread the word.

SIF
The rollout to the pilot sites has begun. Hanover and Amherst are processing successfully using SIF. The Montgomery installation has some issues to resolve and Bedford is scheduled to be installed on Friday. Prince William should follow.

As you may know, SIFA has a new community area on its web site ([www.sifinfo.org]( )) that is dedicated to providing a place where SIFA members can exchange information and discuss topics of general concern. You may not be aware that we are in the process of replacing announcements (such as this) sent out by the SIFAll yahoo group with those that are distributed through the community area. The replacement e-mail address for [SIFAll@yahoogroups.com]( ) is [Association@community.sifinfo.org]( ).

All SIFA members, therefore, must register in the "Association" area of the new SIFA Community web site in order to receive announcements of general interest. Even if you have registered with the SIFA Community site previously, take a moment to make sure that you are registered to receive the "Association" announcements. Please do so right away; the SIFAll yahoo group list will soon be discontinued.

If you have not yet registered as a user with the Community Site, you may do so here: [http://www.sifinfo.org/community.asp]( ) and then use the link below to sign up for the "Association" alerts.

If you have registered with the Community Site, but need to sign up for the "Association" alerts, please go to the "Sites" area ([http://community.sifinfo.org/SiteDirectory/Lists/Sites/AllItems.aspx]( )) and check the box for "Association" – as well as any other groups you might be interested in receiving emails from.

Please let me know if you need your membership account information.